GLADSTONE

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore last week was Mrs. Ella Miller, a sister from Honaker. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Higginbottom.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barnes of Petersburg visited Mrs. Virginia Hunter on Saturday. Mrs. Lucille Carey and Mrs. Bernice Carwile of Brookneal were visitors on Wednesday and on Sunday, Mrs. Sue Johnson and Mrs. Lou Bryant.

Mrs. Roger Moore spent several days in the home of her cousin, Mrs.Catherine Mays in Clifton Forge last week.

We extend deep sympathy to Mrs. James Phelps in the death of her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Banton of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Mildred Johnson of Clifton Forge spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burk Smoot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris and children of Lyncburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris on Sunday.

Visiting Mrs. John Spiggle on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. O. W.Rutledge and Mr. Ronnie Spiggle and Terri and Paul.

The Wade family reunion was held at the Gladstone fire house on Sunday. There were five relatives who attended who were over 80 years old. This was the 26th year the reunion has been held. Relatives were from Stephen City, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Madison Heights, Appomattox, Buckingham, and Gladstone. A picnic lunch was served at one o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody, Mrs. Ida Mae Dunn, Mrs. Russell Ragland, Mrs. John Spiggle, Mrs. Norman Clouser, Mrs. Phyllis Goosbey and Mrs. Virginia Brown all attended revival services at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church in Buckingham County on Wednesday night. Rev. J. W. Williams was guest minister there for the revival.

Mrs. Dick Seay visited her mother, Mrs. Rachel Moore on Sunday.

Mrs. Russell Moore and Vickie visited Mrs. Moores' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harvey at Cullen on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore have returned home after a three weeks vacation. They went to Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France and Holland. Vicki also returned home with them after a 3 month study in Zurich, Switzerland.

BECKHAM

BECKHAM SEPT 1 - Mrs. Gibbs Martin will return home today from Virginia Baptist Hospital where she has been undergoing treatment for several days.

Mrs. H. C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and family, Miss Eunice Martin and Mrs. S. G. Martin were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mrs. O. W. Martin Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin of Oakville honoring Mrs. O. W. Martin Sr. on her birthday.

Mr. Ronnie Morris and Mr. David Drinkard returned home Wednesday night after spending several days in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gardner of Lynchburg visited Mr. H. G. Martin Sunday.

Michael Henderson of Appomattox is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Jerry Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moore spent the weekend in this home.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Thursday, September 22 is the day officially listed as the beginning of Autumn. So mout it be, but Monday morning my porch thermometer was on a cool forty-eight. Trying to conserve fuel, have not started stoves yet, Will not be able to resist much longer.

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I do not have a copy of the Farmers Almanac, but understand they are saying we will have another severe winter. There may be some archconfraternity among critters, for I see squirrels scurrying about with grim intent, and for whatever it means, I counted thirty-four anthills in my front yard. They are a thoughtful group and I am sure they know what they are doing. For one, I am ready for insects to go into hibernation. Many people find cooler weather exhilerating and set about fall chores with vigor, and I intend to associate myself with them.

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The warmth of the afternoon sun through unshaded windows discourages pre-fall sneezes. 'Twas so on Martha Street. Adding to the overall joy of living is a fresh car inspection sticker on the windshield. Ah yes, things are looking up all over.

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Bright tobacco markets open and at Brookneal Gold Leaf Warehouse one pile of bright-leaf fetched a price of a dollar seventy-two a pound. That is tops in the memory of most farmers. Upper leaves are in orbit.

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Found amid the disarray of My Den, an old pocket notebook, in which I recorded a play-by-play account of the high school football game between Appomattox and Randolph - Henry in September 1963. R-H kicked off and for posterity I wrote down each play thereafter, sixteen pages in all, to a twenty to zero AHS win. Unfortunately did not list the first names of AHS players, but there were many references to Phelps, Mitchell, Mann, Woodson, O'Brien, Moore, Rothgeb, Grill, Doss, Almond, Carter, etc.

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The way Southern folk talk has been the topic of discussion by experts, but mish of it is good Elizabethan English, and even beyond to Chaucer. There is a wealth of rich idiom in Dixie. Many recall such usage as...ha'r for hair, b'ar for bear, war for war, hit for it, afeared for afraid, cha'r for chair. And you helped someone tote the water bucket if you felt pert. If someone asked whar is hit, you said, thar hit is. And double negatives were no disgrace. Example, "I never seen no man of no kind do no washim."

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One of the grand views is the majestic sight where the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers meet. Robert Harper ran a ferry there before the War Between the States and the spot became known as Harper's Ferry. Was once a part of Virginia but is now in Jefferson County, W. Va. Was the scene of John Brown's raid in 1859. Was captured by Stonewall Jackson and his men in 1862. I have been there and would guess that this is the time of the year to see the sheer beauty of the foliage Mother Nature provides so freely. There are so many places to go, things to see, a choice is often difficult. Dare not forget Appomattox either.

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Hip, hip, hooray ! A verse of No. 88 for the benefactor who left a gift of freshly picked small plums at my doorstep this morning and did not wait for a greeting. Thank you, suh.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week. 30

Mayor Proclaims Constitution Week - September 17 - 23

Mayor Henry Pack is shown above as he signs the proclamation designating the week of September 17 through the 23rd as Constitution Week as set by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and under the local direction of Blue Ridge Chapter.

The proclamation states "Whereas: It is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the one hundred ninetieth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and Whereas: Public Law No. 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation, by the President of the United States of America, designating September 17 through 23 of each year as Constitution Week, Now, Therefore, I, Henry B. Pack, Mayor of the Town of Appomattox, State of Virginia, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 1977 as **CONSTITUTION WEEK** and urge all citizens to study the Constitution, to express gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship in our Republic functioning under the superb body of laws - the Constitution of the United States Of America.

Area members of the Daughters of the American Revolution include Mrs. Shafter Drinkard, Mrs. Harold Y. Spencer, Mrs. Thelbert Trent, and Mrs. Howlette Martin of Appomattox County; Mrs. Horace Coleman of Pamplin, and Mrs. Robert Sears of Charlotte Court House.

Deadline Near On Applications For Drought Emergency Loans

Farmers in Campbell and Appomattox Counties who plan to apply for federal emergency loans to help them recover from drought losses should file applications no later than Sept. 30, 1977, at their county office of the U.S. Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

FmHA County Supervisor, W. E. Mosby issued this reminder that terms of the special Drought Impact emergency loan program, for which Congress appropriated extra loan funds this year, carry the Sept. 30 deadline for loan application.

The rule applies in counties where farmers' eligibility for loans is based on Drought Impact, designations made by the federal Interagency Drought Emergency Coordinating Committee. Campbell and Appomattox Counties are under that type of designation.

Mr. Mosby said estimates of loan amounts needed under applications filed by Sept. 30 can be revised if necessary in the course of loan processing. In some cases production loss this year may not be finally determined until later than Sept. 30.

FmHA, the credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, makes farm emergency loans to cover losses resulting from designated natural disasters and help farmers restore production to pre-disaster conditions.

Under new legislation signed into law by President Carter Aug. 4, loans not exceeding $250,000 to offset production loss from disasters occurring since last July 1 are made at an interest rate of 3 percent. Loss to offset that portion of actual loss exceeding $250,000 are made at an interest rate of 5 percent. Additional financing for production purposes, or for making major adjustments in farming operations, is at a higher rate. Applicants must show that necessary credit is not available to them from commercial lenders serving their localities.

Farmers may obtain further information or file applications at the FmHA office serving Campbell and Appomattox County, located at Appomattox in the Bryant and Branch Building on U.S. 460 West.

Registrations Continue At Lawson Ford For PP&K

Registrations for the 1977 Punt, Pass & Kick competition co-sponsored locally by the Appomattox County Jaycees and Lawson Ford, Inc. continue to roll in. The contest is open to any youngster 8 through 13 years of age.

Any youngster meeting the age requirements who can punt, pass and kick a football - or who'd like to try - will want to compete. Participants compete only against others their own age, and there is no body contact.

No special equipment is needed and participation does not impair a youngster's amateur standing. Each youngster will compete in three categories - punting, passing and kicking. Judges will score one point for each foot the ball travels on the fly, minus one point for each foot the ball lands to the right or left of the center tape.

Youngsters, accompanied by a parent or guardian, may register for PP&K at Lawson Ford, Inc. on or before September 30th. Competition is set for October 1, 1977. There is no entrance fee.

Football Contest Winners Announced

Winners in the weekly Football Contest sponsored by area businesses have been announced by the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** for last week's contest, the first for this year.

Nelwyn Morris of Route 3, Appomattox, was the first place winner with 20 correct games picked out of a possible 22 games.

Dan Herncall and Mike Torrence tied for second place with 19 correct games picked out of the possible 22 games. Going to the tie-breaker to pick a winner, both Herncall and Torrence had a 13 point difference in the Appomattox-William Campbell game, therefore it was necessary to go to the second tie-breaker to pick the winner. Mike Torrence was 2 points closer to the actual score in the Virginia - North Carolina State game and is the winner of second place.

Nelwyn Morris will receive a check in the amount of $10.00 and Mike Torrence will receive a check in the amount of $5.00 as first and second place prizes compliments of the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN.**

Be sure and enter the contest this week and get your entry into this newspaper - - you may be the winner next time.

YOUNG FARMERS SPOKESMAN TO COMPETE

The finals of the third annual "Young Farmer Spokesman" contest will be held in the Appomattox County High School, September 15, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Elanco Products Company of Eli Lilly and Company, the contest is designed to encourage young farmers to develop articulate response to consumer concerns about agriculture.

Winning speakers from four regions of the state will participate. Richard Hubbard of Amelia will represent Southside Virginia.

168 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TITLE I PROGRAM IN 76-77

During the 1976-77 school session, 168 students were enrolled in the Title I Program. Three Title I teachers and eleven Title I instructional aides were employed to implement the Program. The areas of mathematics and reading were the major concerns for the Title I students in three target schools, namely, Pamplin Elementary, Appomattox Primary and Appomattox Elementary. The objectives of the Program were satisfactorily attained by the students. A large number of the students demonstrated more gain in achievement than was anticipated when the project was initiated.

School Board Accepts Bid To Renovate Home Ec Cottage At Appomattox Middle School

Mental Health Chairpersons Named For Appomattox County

Mr. Carl Miller, of Appomattox; Mrs. Ned Shorter of Evergreen; and Mrs. Cecil Ligon of Pamplin were named Mental Health Chairpersons for the 1977 campaign, announced Mrs. Isabel G. Brenner, President of the Mental Health Association of Virginia.

As Chairpersons they will recruit volunteers to go house-to-house during October, in their respective areas.

The Mental Health Association of Virginia is a citizens' volunteer organization, with members dedicated to informing the public about mental illness and mental health, while helping the mentally ill and their families.

As citizen advocates, the Association works to see that adequate services are developed. Members are working to insure a greater emphasis on children and on community mental health services.

The Mental Health Association believes that education is a key factor in preventing mental health problems, and offers free literature to the public on alcoholism, children's mental health, security, depression and other mental health topics. For information, write to the Mental Health Association of Virginia, 1806 Chatsily St., Suite 203, Richmond, Va. 23230.

" FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY" WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 19th

Members of "Friends of the Library" will meet on Monday, September 19, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County Library.

This will be the first meeting of the new year and all members are urged to attend.

Chariman Named For Blood Program

According to an announcement from Grover P. Beasley, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County Chapter, American Red Cross, Mrs. Nina B. Beasley has accepted the chairmanship of the Blood Program for our county.

Mrs. Joe Towns of Route 2, Appomattox, will serve as co-chairman with Mrs. Beasley. The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club will again be co-sponsoring the blood program. Rev. Earnie Lucas will be in charge of radio advertising.

The first visit of four planned visits for this fiscal year has been set for Tuesday, September 27, 1977 from noon until 5 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church.

Make plans now to be on hand to donate a unit of your lifesaving blood. More details concerning the Bloodmobile visit will be printed in the next issue of the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN.**

Title I Project Approved For County Schools

The State Department of Education has informed the Appomattox County School Board of the approval of the Title I Project as submitted for the 1977-78 school term.

The Title I Project proposed operating in the Pamplin Elementary, the Appomattox Primary, and the Appomattox Elementary Schools. Students in the first through the sixth grades will participate in the program. Supplemental instruction in reading and mathematics will be given to students in grades one through four. Students in grades five and six will receive supplemental instruction in reading only. This assistance is given over and above the instruction of the regular classroom teacher. Five teachers and twelve instructional aides provide this supplemental assistance. The program objectives specify the activities in reading will emphasize Comprehension and Volcabulary. The objectives in mathematics require concentration on Concepts and Computation.

These services are available to pupils in the private schools upon application of the schools to their local school boards.

Bids were received on the renovation project of the home economics cottage at the Appomattox Middle School when the Appomattox County School Board met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 7th.

Bids were received from Booth and Company, Bridgeforth Construction, J. E. Jamerson and Sons, and Smith-Wimer. The low bid from J. E. Jamerson and Sons of $24,795 was accepted by the Board. Funds for this project are part of a career guidance program which is supported entirely by a federal grant.

A schedule of athletic activities for the 1977-78 school session was presented to the Board and approval was granted.

Mrs. Clyde Nash and Mrs. Kenneth Coleman were appointed to serve on the Appomattox County Library Advisory Board. Ronald C. Spiggle is chairman of this committee.

An enrollment report for the 1977-78 session was received. The total enrollment is 2822. Enrollment by schools is Pamplin Elementary School, 165; Appomattox Primary School, 646; Appomattox Elementary School, 716; Appomattox Middle School, 295.

The Board received a report that replacement of the heating system in the Appomattox Primary School is on schedule. Most of the classroom work was completed before the opening of school. The project should be completed within the next two or three weeks and a time will be scheduled for a formal inspection.

The School Board approved the organization of certain committees to function during the 1977-78 session. Membership on each committee will include teachers, aides, parents principals, persons representing various agencies and businesses and school board members. Committees to be organized are Central Planning Council, School Board Policies, and Teacher Evaluation.

Other committees which will continue to function during the 1977-78 session are special education advisory committee, Special Education Eligibility Committee and Vocational Education Advisory Committee.

The program of special education was reviewed by the Board. The program includes services for educable mentally retarded, trainable mentally retarded, speech, hearing impaired, learning disabled, preschool handicapped and visually handicapped.

During the meeting a very positive discussion with teachers who were present brought forth praise of the Appomattox Education system, as well as ways to continue to improve the educational program. Vocational education, special education, student conduct and behavior and cooperation and support of parents were mentioned as areas of strength. However, concerns were expressed regarding the poor school attendance of some students, unsuccessful attempts of the schools to get some parents involved, failure of some students to work for success in their school subjects and lack of cooperation on the part of a small percentage of students.

Plans have been developed and programs are being initiated to work on these concerns. "Parents, the School Board and all school employees have responsibilities in these areas," said Mrs. Ruth Webb, School Board Chairman. "We summarized the plans which the schools have developed to improve attendance, to help students achieve acceptable standards of conduct and behavior and to improve student achievement in all areas," she continued.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held Monday, September 19, 1977 in the Chapter Room at 8 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

Virginia T. Ferguson

PLANNING AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR UPPER APPOMATTOX RIVER WATERSHED

The Richmond office of the Soil Conservation Service announced last week that R. M. Davis, Administrator of the Soil Conservation Service, has authorized expenditure of federal planning funds for Upper Appomattox River Watershed.

The Upper Appomattox project is a joint effort between local sponsoring organizations and the Soil Conservation Service, with federal, state, and county agencies participating. The plan is expected to include erosion and sediment control, flood control and water supply.

Planning is expected to begin in November 1977 and take about three years to complete.

Supervisors Recommend Lower Speed Limits In Vera

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, meeting Friday, approved petitions presented to the board requesting the lowering of speed limits in the Village of Vera.

The recommendation will now go to the Virginia Department of Highways for approval.

R. R. Bryant, representing the Clover Hill District, appeared before the board with the petitions signed by local citizens requesting that the speed limits in the village of Vera be lowered.

T. E. Pittman, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, presented the Secondary Road budget in the amount of $446,540.00.

The board approved the budget as presented.

R. B. Carter, Chairman of the Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission, appeared before the board to request that Anthony Johnson, President of the S. C. A. at Appomattox Middle School, be appointed to the commission as members.

The supervisors approved the request for these appointments to the Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission.

UDC To Meet

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will begin its 1977-78 year by observing Founder's Day and Constitution Day with a dinner meeting at John Mosby Inn on Thursday evening, September 15, at 6:30 p.m.

All members are being asked to wear their Centennial dresses and guests of members are welcomed.

G. Hunter Jones, Treasurer of Campbell County, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Members are asked to make reservations with Mrs. Louise Plunkett or Mrs. Rachel Lawson by September 13th. They hope for a large attendance to enjoy the fellowship and to hear the guest speaker.

Bike-A-Thon Set October 16

The 6th Annual Bike-A-Thon for Appomattox County has been set for Sunday, October 16th beginning at 2 p.m.

Members of the Appomattox County 4-H Clubs will again this year lead off the Bike-A-Thon.

The Bike-A-Thon is sponsored by the Appomattox County Unit of the American Cancer Society in an effort to raise funds that will help in the fight against cancer.

Both adults and teens are invited to participate in the 10-mile bike ride.

Riders, by getting pledges for any amount of money per mile they complete in the ride, from friends, relatives and neighbors, earn money for the fight to conquer cancer in YOUR LIFE TIME. The route for the Bike-A-Thon will be the same this year as in past years.

A map of the route and additional information will be printed in future editions of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

WATCH FOR MORE NEWS ON THE BIKE-A-THON.

Virginia's Junior Miss To Appear In Railroad Festival Parade

Virginia's Junior Miss, Allyson Ruth Wells of Farifax, will be appearing in the 39th Fifth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Parade on Saturday, October 8.

Allyson, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allison D. Wells, attended Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax.

Allyson intends to pursue a career in medicine with her college choice being the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Allyson was a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and cheerleading squad. She also attended Virginia Girls State and received a superior rating in the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Virginia's current Junior Miss has received the French II Achievement Award, the Brach Hale Contest Award, Simplicity Pattern Company Award, and Kodak First Runner-up Award. In addition, she has received awards at the state pageant and also received national pageant awards.

Allyson served her community in the Alcohol Abuse campaign, the Easter Seal campaign and as a Red Cross volunteer. Allyson's hobbies are piano, embroidery, reading, and watching wrestling matches. She enjoys skiing, jogging, and camping.

We are proud to have this outstanding young lady participate in the Railroad Festival Parade. Don't miss her appearance on October 8th.

ALLYSON RUTH WELLS

ADULT CLASS REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Registration for Adult Education classes for the rest of this week is continuing. Adults who are interested and who want to participate in classes are urged to do so the first semester by the Appomattox County School Division may still enroll. Please look at the class schedule located elsewhere in this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN for information regarding classes offered.

Since adult classes are geared to the individual, classes are being set up to meet the needs of those who will not find themselves at any other meetings. Persons who want to enroll may report to the class at the location and time listed. B. B. Carter, Adult Education Coordinator, is in charge.